

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

December 20, 2012

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DEPT MR 1006
Post Office Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205
ATTN: Mr. David Goodner

Subject: Occupy Iowa (October 9, 2011-January 3, 2012)

FOIPA No. 1180602-000

Dear Mr. Goodner:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

Section 552

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5 pages were reviewed and 5 pages are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.

☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☐ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(E)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This

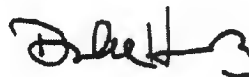
response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

In response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOIPA) request, cross-references were located wherein Occupy Iowa is mentioned in files concerning another individual, organization, event, activity, or the like. In processing the cross-references, the pages considered for possible release included only those pages which mention Occupy Iowa, or any variation, by name and any additional pages showing the context in which the name Occupy Iowa was mentioned.

Please find enclosed five pages of documents responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. The release is being provided to you at no charge; therefore, it is unnecessary to adjudicate your request for a fee waiver.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/16/2011

To: Omaha

Attn: [REDACTED]

From: Omaha

Squad 7/Des Moines RA

Contact: TFO [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: [REDACTED]

(none)

Title: Intelligence Briefing and Liaison

Synopsis: Occupy Iowa protestor requested a meeting with local law enforcement and Des Moines F.B.I.

Details: On 10/08/2011 [REDACTED] (protect identity) met with investigators at the Des Moines Resident Agency Office. Investigators in attendance were, TFO [REDACTED] TFO [REDACTED] Des Moines Police Sgt. [REDACTED] and Iowa State Patrol Lt. [REDACTED]

Investigators met with [REDACTED] at her request to discuss her concerns about the Occupy Iowa protest group in Des Moines, Iowa. [REDACTED] stated she wanted to meet because she was concerned about recent comments made in the Occupy Iowa group. [REDACTED] stated that the comments made mentioned property damage and future protest behavior. [REDACTED] stated that some of the Occupy Iowa organizers and leaders are not in agreement with regards to their plan forward as the Caucuses approach.

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[REDACTED] stated she is also concerned that some of the people performing in leadership roles are having suspicious closed confidential meetings. [REDACTED] stated group business is usually discussed in general assembly meetings. [REDACTED] offered to supply information on the Occupy Iowa group.

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Re: [REDACTED] 11/16/2011

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[REDACTED] was asked if she had any specific concerns related to public safety, officer safety, or criminal activity. [REDACTED] stated she had no knowledge or specific concerns in regards to public safety, officer safety, and criminal activity.

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[REDACTED] offered her email and Facebook account information and passwords. [REDACTED] was advised that law enforcement would not and could not acknowledge her consent to access her social sites. [REDACTED] was advised to contact TFO [REDACTED] and the Des Moines Police Department if information was found in regards to any public safety, officer safety, or criminal activity.

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Date: 11/17/2011

To: Omaha

Attn: ASAC Edward Reinhold

From: Omaha

Squad 7, DMRA

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED] bef

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Drafted By: [REDACTED] bef

Case ID #: [REDACTED] (Pending)

Title: RELATIONS WITH THE DES MOINES POLICE DEPARTMENT (DMPD)

Synopsis: To document liaison meeting at the DMPD on instant date.

Details: Because of information received by the DMPD that there may potentially be an attempt to stop the Iowa Caucuses by people involved in Occupy Iowa, which may involve criminal activity, the DMPD called a meeting to which they invited various Federal, State and local police agencies to attend. The meeting was chaired by Sergeant [REDACTED] DMPD.

Sgt. [REDACTED] emphasized the need to respect protesters' first amendment rights. He distributed a Department of Homeland Security publication, entitled, "Law Enforcement Guidelines for First Amendment-Protected Events," which is hereafter attached. Sgt. [REDACTED] stressed that if local agencies learned that protesters would be demonstrating in their respective towns, that the DMPD's experience had been that it was helpful to ensure that the protesters had a designated area where they could protest and that they supply enough officers on the scene to ensure the protesters' safety. Sgt. [REDACTED] advised that any intelligence received regarding criminal behavior that could be a threat to public safety should be reported to the Iowa Fusion Center.

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The writer and SA [REDACTED] were present to ensure that no Federal nexus existed. As none was articulated, SSRA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] did not offer any commentary.

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On 21 November 2011, CTW received a UNet email at 19:28 hrs regarding a white powder incident at the US Courthouse in Des Moines, IA. US Postal inspectors and FBI are conducting the investigation. Initial tests have identified the substance as a prescription medication.

The letter threatens that "Occupy Des Moines" will be conducting a gas attack (mustard-sulfur) on the Des Moines airport and other "religious centers of corporate greed" during the "Nationalist" holiday season. The letter is signed "AnRch'ee" (using an usual anarchy "A" symbol for the "A").

Actions Taken:

1. Log entry created. / RCS

11/21/2011 2350 ACTIVE SHOOTER/ARMED SUSPECT COLORADO SPRINGS,

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Classification: Unclassified

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Tier: Routine CTW action required

Threat Matrix Item? No

Disposition: For informational purposes only

Request For Info? No

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UPDATE

CT Watch received a final update regarding the captioned incident via FBINET from SIOC (21 NOV 2011 at 2333hrs). Per referenced email, the situation has been resolved without incident. See FBINET email for additional details. No further CT Watch action is necessary as this incident is being handled as a criminal matter.

Actions Taken: log updated / JHC

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